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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RPC provides advice to the Secretary and top Department officials on minerals policy, operational issues, and the performance of discretionary functions under the laws governing the Department's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The RPC reviews and comments on revenue management and other mineral-related policies and provides a forum to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and the interested public. The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on our Internet site at [http://www.mms.gov/mmab/RoyaltyPolicyCommittee/rpc\\_homepage.htm](http://www.mms.gov/mmab/RoyaltyPolicyCommittee/rpc_homepage.htm).

Meetings are open to the public without advanced registration on a space-available basis. The public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the RPC for its consideration. Please submit copies of these written statements to Ms. Dan by September 9, 2008. Transcripts of this meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at our offices in Building 85 on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado. The MMS will post the minutes on our Internet site.

These meetings are conducted under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 1) and the Office of Management and Budget (Circular No. A-63, revised).

Dated: August 20, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision Amendment-Sylvan Pass Management, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management for the Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, Wyoming. On July 16, 2008, the Director, Intermountain Region, approved the Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management for the project.

On November 20, 2007, a Record of Decision was signed on the Winter Use Plans/Final Environmental Impact Statement for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. The November 20, 2007, Record of Decision (on page 6) addressed management of Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone National Park, stating:

“This decision addresses Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone. For the winter season of 2007–2008 the pass will be managed continuing the combined program outlined in the 2004 Temporary Plan. After the winter of 2007–2008, in order to maximize risk reduction, the pass would be open and managed using full avalanche forecasting (as defined in the Sylvan Pass Operational Risk Management Assessment). When full forecasting indicates the pass is safe, the pass would be open to oversnow travel (both motorized and non-motorized access).

“The National Park Service will, in good faith, work cooperatively with the State of Wyoming, Park County, Wyoming and the town of Cody to determine how to provide continued snowmobile and snowcoach motorized oversnow access to Yellowstone National Park through the East Gate via Sylvan Pass in the winter use seasons beyond 2007–2008.

“The National Park Service will meet with representatives of the State of Wyoming, Park

County, Wyoming and the town of Cody to further explore reasonable avalanche and access mitigation safety measures and costs. In order to provide adequate time to amend this Record of Decision reflecting a potential consensus of the parties and to promulgate a new regulation reflecting the amended decision for the 2008–2009 winter use season and beyond, consensus should be reached by June 1, 2008.”

Since the Record of Decision, the NPS has met with representatives of the City of Cody, Wyoming, Park County, Wyoming, the State of Wyoming, and Wyoming state elected officials (collectively known as the Sylvan Pass Study Group) and explored reasonable avalanche and access mitigation safety measures and costs.

The outcome of the meetings was that the Sylvan Pass Study Group recommended to the Intermountain Regional Director of the National Park Service that the November 2007 Record of Decision on Winter Use in Yellowstone National Park be amended to keep Sylvan Pass open in future winter use seasons to motorized and non-motorized oversnow travel for a limited core season, between December 22 and March 1. The group recommended continued use of a combination of avalanche mitigation techniques, including forecasting and helicopter and howitzer dispensed explosives.

This recommendation was taken into account in preparing the Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management (Amendment). The Amendment only addresses Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone National Park. Unless specifically modified by the Amendment, all other elements of the November 20, 2007, Record of Decision remain in place.

The Amendment is primarily based upon alternative 5 in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (alternative 5 calls for the same overall number of snowmobiles in Yellowstone as the November 20, 2007, decision, and for Sylvan Pass to be kept open).

The amended decision is that Sylvan Pass will be open for oversnow travel (both motorized and non-motorized) for a limited core season, from December 22 through March 1 each winter, subject to weather-related constraints and NPS fiscal, staff, infrastructural, equipment, and other safety-related capacities. A combination of avalanche mitigation techniques may be used, including forecasting and helicopter and howitzer dispensed explosives. The results of previous safety evaluations of Sylvan Pass by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and an Operational Risk Management

Assessment will be reviewed and updated, and the NPS will evaluate additional avalanche mitigation techniques and risk assessment tools in order to further improve safety and visitor access.

From March 2 to March 15, the NPS will maintain the road segment from the East Entrance to a point approximately four miles west of the entrance station to provide for opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Limited snowmobile and snowcoach use will be allowed in order to provide drop-offs for such purposes.

This course of action and seven alternatives were analyzed in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigation measures were identified.

The Amendment includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferred alternative, a finding on impairment of park resources and values, and an overview of the public and agency involvement in reaching this Record of Decision Amendment.

On December 13, 2007, a final regulation was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 70781), which implemented certain provisions of the November 20, 2007 Record of Decision. The National Park Service has reviewed the regulation (36 CFR 7.13) and determined that promulgating a new regulation to implement this Amendment is not necessary.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the Record of Decision Amendment-Sylvan Pass Management may be obtained from the contact listed above or online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell>.

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National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before August 9, 2008. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by September 9, 2008.

**J. Paul Loether,**

*Chief, National Register of Historic Places/  
National Historic Landmarks Program.*

### ALASKA

#### Kenai Peninsula Borough-Census Area

Soldotna Post Office, Corner of E. Corral St. and Kenai Spur Hwy, Soldotna, 08000904

### GEORGIA

#### De Kalb County

Bond Family House, 1226 Rock Chapel Rd., Lithonia, 08000909

### IDAHO

#### Ada County

Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company Building, 815 N. Main St., Meridian, 08000905

### INDIANA

#### Adams County

Adams County Courthouse, 112 S. Second St., Decatur, 08000914

#### Daviess County

Daviess County Courthouse, 200 E. Walnut St., Washington, 08000916

#### Delaware County

Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, 1701 West Eaton-Wheeling Pike, Eaton, 08000915

#### Greene County

Greene County Courthouse, Main and Washington Sts., Bloomfield, 08000912

#### Hamilton County

Wilson, Robert L., House, 273 S. 8th St., Noblesville, 08000918

#### Howard County

Lake Erie and Western Depot Historic District, Generally bounded by W. Jefferson St. on the N., N. Main St. on the E., W. Jackson St. on the S., N. Washington on W., Kokomo, 08000917

#### Pike County

Pike County Courthouse, 801 Main St., Petersburg, 08000913

### MASSACHUSETTS

#### Essex County

Joseph Fenno House—Woman's Friend Society, 12-14 Hawthorne Blvd., Salem, 08000906

### NEW YORK

#### Clinton County

Strand Theater, 25 Brinkerhoff St., Plattsburgh, 08000922

#### Columbia County

Hudson Almshouse, 400 State St., at the head of 4th St., Hudson, 08000921

#### Lewis County

Lowville Masonic Temple, 7552 S. State St., Lowville, 08000919

#### Wayne County

Roe Cobblestone Schoolhouse, (Cobblestone Architecture of New York State MPS) 12397 Van Vleck Rd., Butler, 08000920

### NORTH DAKOTA

#### Hettinger County

Stern, John and Fredricka (Roth), Homestead, 2 mi. E. of Mott on ND 21, Mott, 08000902

#### Pembina County

Gunlogson Farmstead Historic Site, Icelandic State Park, 13571 Hwy 5, Cavalier, 08000900

### OHIO

#### Lucas County

S.S. COL. JAMES M. SCHOONMAKER (bulk freighter), International Park, 26 Main St., Toledo, 08000908

### OKLAHOMA

#### Jackson County

Jackson County Courthouse and Jail (Boundary Increase), (County Courthouses of Oklahoma TR) 101 N. Main, Altus, 08000901

### RHODE ISLAND

#### Bristol County

Jackson, Benjamin Aborn, House, 115 Nayatt Rd., Barrington, 08000903

### VIRGINIA

#### Arlington County

Glencarlyn Historic District, (Historic Residential Suburbs in the United States, 1830-1960 MPS) Bounded by S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington Blvd., 5th Rd. S., Glencarlyn Park, Arlington, 08000910

#### Culpeper County

Clifton, 7091 Monumental Mills Rd., Rixeyville, 08000911